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PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Makoto YONEZAWA

Group Art Unit: 2877

Application No.: 09/973,780

Examiner: V. P. Barth

Filed: October 11, 2001

Docket No.: 110831

For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS AND DEFECT
INSPECTION SYSTEM FOR PHOTOMASK

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the March 20, 2003 Office Action, the period for response being extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendment to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims;

Amendments to the Drawings include attached replacement sheets; and

Remarks.

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